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1. REFTEL AND DIAGRAM DETAILS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY FBO AND A/SY/FO AND THE EMBASSY IS COMMENDED ON COMING UP WITH A PLAN THAT SHOWS IMAGINATIVE USE OF LOCALLY PROCURABLE MATERIALS. BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PLACES WHERE THE POST MAY BE ABLE TO SHAVE OFF SOME OF THE PLANS. FOR EXAMPLE THE WALL SECTION SHOWS TWO LAYERS OF VENEER, 2 X 6 LUMBER, 3/16 INCH STEEL PLUS SAND FILL. WITHOUT LABORATORY TESTING, WE ESTIMATE THIS THICKNESS SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING DIRECT HITS FROM MOST WEAPONS THAT WOULD CONCEIVABLY BE EXPECTED IN A NORMAL CONFRONTATION. WE SUGGEST THAT THE POST CONSIDER ONLY ONE LAYER OF STEEL BE INSTALLED ON THE

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LOBBY OR OUTSIDE OF THE WALL TO PRECLUDE SHRAPNEL BEING

THROWN INSIDE IF A HIGH CALIBER WEAPON SHOULD PENETRATE THE ENTIRE BARRIER.

2. THE LAYOUT OF THE PROPOSED LOBBY/RECEPTIONIST/MSG AREA SEEMS A BIT CONFUSING AND PERHAPS A LITTLE TOO COMPLICATED.

IS THERE SOME REASON FOR DELIBERATELY SEPARATING THE MSG AND THE RECEPTIONIST. WOULD THERE BE ANY ADVANTAGE TO HAVING THE TWO OF THEM IN CLOSER PROXIMITY TO ASSIST EACH OTHER? IF SO, THEN THE PROPOSED BARRIER/DOOR AT SQUARE TWELVE ON YOUR PLAN COULD BE MOVED OUTWARDS TO THE END OF THE PARTITION OPENING INTO THE WAITING ROOM. A COUNTER WITH AN INCH AND A QUARTER LEXAN WINDOW COULD BE FITTED INTO THE WALL PROVIDING A SPACE WHERE BOTH THE RECEPTIONIST AND MSG COULD SCREEN ENTERING VISITORS. ALSO, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MODIFY OTHER THREE (3) INTERNAL WALLS IN LOBBY AREA SIMILARLY AS INDICATED IN PAR 1 ABOVE. THOSE GOING TO THE CONSULAR SECTION COULD THEN PROCEED ON THROUGH A SINGLE DOOR AT SQUARE TEN, WHICH SHOULD BE RELOCATED FOR VIEWING AND REMOTELY OPERATED BY THE RECEPTIONIST OR MSG. IN THIS WAY THE GENERAL WAITING AREA, OR CONSULAR WAITING AREA COULD BE ENLARGED. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPARENT ARMOR WOULD BE REDUCED TO JUST ONE APPLICATION.

3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WINDOW AT SQUARE FOUR? IS THIS EXPECTED TO BE TRANSPARENT BALLISTIC RESISTANT AS WELL? IS THE SLIDING GLASS WINDOW AT SQUARE TWO REALLY NECESSARY?

4. DO YOUR PLANS INCLUDE ANY SORT OF ELECTRIC LOCKING DEVICE FOR THE DOUBLE DOORS AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE?

5. IN THE PROPOSED ANNEX BARRIER, IS THERE GOING TO BE A RECEPTIONIST BEHIND THE WALL TO SCREEN VISITORS? IF SO, IS THERE SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR COMFORTABLE OCCUPANCY? COULD THE WALL BE MOVED OUTWARDS A LITTLE TO PROVIDE MORE ROOM? ASSUMING THAT VISITORS WILL NEED TO WAIT UNTIL AN ESCORT ARRIVES, IS THERE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN WAIT OUT OF THE WAY OF NORMAL TRAFFIC? WILL THIS AREA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE UNDER CONTROL OR OBSERVATION OF THE MSG? PERHAPS A CCTV COULD BE CONSIDERED. ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT ALL OTHER GROUND LEVEL DOORS SHOWN ON THE PLAN ARE TO BE REINFORCED AND LOCKED?

6. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REVISED COST ESTIMATE ASAP UPON POST'S REASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF ABOVE FACTORS.

7. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AND
FURNITURE ARE NOT JUSTIFIABLE UNDER THE COUNTER TERRORISM
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